

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO: 09/511,316

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FOR: ALKALI METAL-CONTAINING

NIOBATE-BASED

PIEZOELECTRIC MATERIAL COMPOSITION AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 21, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy to read as follows:

Page 14, replace the text beginning at line 8 with the following paragraph:

For the measurement and examination of the samples, use was made of the resonance/anti-resonance method according to EMAS-6007 was used. Herein, the Curie on temperature (Curie point) representing the phase transition temperature from ferroelectric phase to paraelectric phase was determined on the basis of the temperature where the dielectric constant was the highest. Additionally, the stability over time when left to stand at

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ambient temperature was measured by using dielectric constant and dielectric loss at 1 kHz;